

## SPORTS

# Time comes for some New Year's resolutions

New Year's resolutions are like defensive strategies to stop Michael Jordan — they look great on paper but are usually abandoned shortly after being implemented.

Being a lowly sports reporter for a daily college newspaper, my personal resolutions about studying more and sleeping less would only interest my relatives and close friends (well, at least my relatives), so I decided instead to conduct some role-playing. I have created a list of resolutions I would make if I entered 1991 as a famous sports personality.

Working harder at your job seems to be a popular resolution, and if I found myself in the shoes of Denver Nuggets Coach Paul Westhead, I would make it a priority to coerce my group of misfits to spend a little less time on offense and a little more on installing some form of defense.

If giving up 136.4 points a game isn't reason enough to work harder at the defensive end, maybe watching Detroit's Dennis Rodman hit for a career-high 34 points should do the trick.

If I awoke on Jan. 1 wearing a short sleeve dress shirt, having no hair and sucking on a towel in a Las Vegas arena then I, as Jerry Tarkanian, would make a resolution to call Burger King and offer them my services.

Couldn't you picture Tark the Shark explaining a recruiting violation in a Burger King ad saying, "Some-



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times you just gotta break the rules"? At least it would be a way to help Tarkanian, the NCAA's favorite whipping boy, recoup some of the money he's going to lose when the Runnin' Rebels sit out next year's basketball tournament.

Being Dick Vitale wouldn't be easy, but if the job fell to me, I would make a resolution to travel west of the Rocky Mountains at least once to see a college basketball game and put a face with the names of Terrell Brandon and UCLA's Don MacLean before somebody else beat me to it.

Sure, the days of Alcindor and Walton leading the Bruins to national titles every year are gone, but they do still play the college game in the western time zone — you just never hear about it.

If I were Steve Young of the soon-to-be three-time defending Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers, I would resolve to decline free agency and stay put. Making \$1.3 million a year to signal in plays, sub for Joe Montana late in blowouts and be the team's fifth

receiver sounds like the easy life to me.

If I began the New Year as Syracuse basketball Coach Jim Boehiem, and I'm so glad I didn't, I would make a resolution to resign quickly and quietly. Besides the fact that his program is being accused of numerous violations, Boehiem should realize that if he can't win the national title with the talent he has had in recent years he will never win it.

People often make resolutions to get out of a dead-end job. If I were Terry Bradshaw this resolution would be at the top of my list.

What does he have to gain by continuing to work in the studio for CBS, when he could be making a name for himself as a game analyst like John Madden? Bradshaw's understanding of the game and ability to communicate ideas to viewers is rare and to see him waste it in a spot made for people like Irv Cross and O.J. Simpson seems so degrading.

If I was Victor Kiam, owner of the New England Patriots, I would resolve to try and make sure my team makes headlines in the upcoming year for things that happen on the field during games.

The only time the 1-15 Pats made the news this year was when they were being investigated by the league, arrested by local police, hiring or firing a head coach or being thrashed on a Sunday afternoon. Maybe getting rid of bad publicity magnets like Irvin Fryar and Zeke Mowatt would be a nice first step.

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